Setting up of Special Economic Zones

†5228. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up Special Economic Zones in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons behind setting up such Zones;

(c) whether any decisions has also been taken with regard to the number thereof;

(d) if so, how many; and

(e) whether such Zones will be set up in each State of the country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (e) Government has announced a Policy for setting up of Special Economic Zones(SEZs) in the country for promotion of exports. SEZ can be set up in the public, private, joint sector orby the State Governments. There is no proposal to set up any new SEZ by the Central Government However, some of the existing Export Processing Zones are proposed to be con verted into SEZs.

Disinvestment Target

5229. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the disinvestment target fixed upto 1999-2000 and the achievement made, so far;

(b) the future course of action in this regard;

(c) the plans of Government regarding disinvestment of the "Navaratnas";and

(d) when would the formulation of the new, disinvestment commission be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The targets set and achievements in respect of disinvestment proceeds since 1991-92 are as follows:—

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